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Applicant(s): W. MORGAN *et al.*

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For: MULTILAYER GOLF BALL WITH HOOP-
STRESS LAYERRESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTIONBox Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 15, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks for entry and consideration during the examination of the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

A marked up version of the revised claims, showing insertions and deletions, is included in Appendix A. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A golf ball comprising four or more layers, wherein one of the layers is a hoop-stress layer, comprising at least one material with a tensile elastic modulus of about 10,000 kpsi or greater, situated between two of three innermost layers, and wherein the at least one material is coated with a binding material prior to winding.

2. [~](Amended) The golf ball of claim 1, comprising the following layers:

a fluid-filled center;

an encapsulating shell comprising at least one layer to contain the fluid;

a hoop-stress layer comprising at least one material with a tensile elastic
modulus of about 10,000 kpsi or greater disposed about at least one layer
of the encapsulating shell;

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